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# Artists of Abraham Lincoln portraits

## Sandor Vago

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The Webb C. Ball Co.
JEWELERS
1114 EUCLID AVE. AND 13201 SHAKER SQUARE
CLEVELAND

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Dr Lewis A Warren
Lincoln Nat'l Life Ins. Co
Fort Wayne Ind.

Dear Sir

We have recently acquired a very fine Portrait in oils by the contemporary American artist Sandor Vago.
Figuring you might be interested in same, I take this opportunity in bringing it to your notice.
I am enclosing a photograph of the painting for your inspection, and shall be pleased to ship the painting for your approval, without any obligation should you desire it.

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The artist has quite a fine reputation (see American Ctrl Annual) and is now preparing to make his debut in New York City.
The Lincoln portrait can be had just now for a very moderate price.
May I hear from you regarding this matter

Yours very truly

G. H. Headerman.

Vago, Landox

August 3, 1934

Mr. G. H. Heaverman
The Webb C. Ball Co.
1114 Euclid Ave. and
13201 Shaker Square
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sir:

Your letter with reference to the portrait of Lincoln with photograph enclosed is at hand and I have been pleased to see this reproduction of your painting.

We are not in any position, however, now to acquire further oils, but will be glad to keep your correspondence on hand in case there should be inquiries for such pieces of work as you have produced.

Very sincerely yours,

Director
Lincoln National Life Foundation

LAW:EB

3920 Euclid Ave; Cleveland, Ohio

May 17, 1935.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Historical Research Director
The Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana:

Dear Dr. Warren:

As a portrait painter by profession and a policy holder of the Lincoln Nat. Life Ins. Co. I take the opportunity to write to you.

Knowing the fact that the Lincoln Life Ins. Co. has the largest Art collection in the country of the life of Abraham Lincoln - The Ideal of American people, I want to inform you I have an oil portrait of Abraham Lincoln, which I exhibited here in Cleveland last year. I painted the portrait of a very rare photographs taken of him in his latest time. The size of the canvas 28×36 inches.

The comments on my Lincoln by great man as Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War and many of his friends, that my portrait reflects the most likeness of his kind expression.

To inform you of my ability as a portrait painter, I painted here in Cleveland the most outstanding Citizens, among them Mr Newton D. Baker, who was painted 4-5 times while Secretary of war and in his own opinion my portrait is the very best among all of them. It is the property of his office. I made a large portrait of the Bishops of Cleveland Joseph

Schreuls, D. D., which hangs at the St. Paul Church here; W. R. Hopkins, first city manager of Cleveland, placed in the city Hall; the two founder Presidents of the General Electric Co Owela Park, Cleve. O. and many more prominent citizen for public buildings here and in different Cities.

Jim known as an exhibitor in all of the greatest Museums of East, taken popular prize in the Newark Museum of art, N. J.

In recommending to you this portrait for a very nominal price of $750.00 is mostly, because I carry a loan of $587.95 on my policy No 179835 57, which I would like to repay to the Company this way and to have a fund to cover my premium due this coming July 27th, and because this portrait would be an important addition to your foundation.

As you see of this offer, I want to profit only that much to be able to clear my policy, and the foundation gets hold of a Work, for which size of portraits I received $2000.00 in normal times.

Awaiting hopefully your reply,

I am.

Very Sincerely Yours

Sandor Vago

Address: Sandor Vago
3920 Euclid Ave
Cleveland, Ohio

May 20, 1935

Mr. Sandon Vago
3920 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Vago:

Thank you for your letter relating to the Lincoln painting which you have made, and if you will send us a picture of it so we may get some idea of the subject portrayed, we will let you know whether or not we care to consider the item.

Very truly yours,

Director
Lincoln National Life Foundation

LAW:EB

3920 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

May 24-35

Dr Louis A. Warren, Director
Lincoln Nat. Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Warren:

Thank you for your letter of May 20th. Enclosed please find a photograph of my Lincoln portrait, which I'm sorry to say does not show the technical part of the work, but it gives you an idea in general of the original. The background is light gray warm, which brings out the subject pretty well. —

I hope that you will be interested in it, awaiting yours, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Sandor Vago

VAGO, SANDOR

Painting from Meserve # 97

Price $750.00

May 28, 1935

Mr. Sandor Vago
3920 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Vago:

Thank you very much for forwarding a photograph of the painting of Lincoln you have made from the original photograph taken just before his death.

We are looking for one of these subjects which we could use for publicity purposes but do not think this one you have would suit our need. Thank you, nevertheless, for submitting the picture.

Very truly yours,

Director
Lincoln National Life Foundation

LAW:EB

DONALD SCOTT CARMICHAEL
20061 FRAZIER DRIVE
ROCKY RIVER
OHIO

May 11, 1939

Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:

A Cleveland artist is doing an oil portrait of Lincoln in his law office about 1858-60 for my down office. I have gathered some information as to his office from standard biographies - such as Beveridge etc. I wonder if you have any pamphlets or other material that would aid the artist in giving an accurate conception of Lincoln's surroundings in his law office.

I enjoy "Lincoln Lore" and wish you continued success.

Yours truly,
Donald S. Carmichael

May 12, 1939

Mr. Donald Scott Carmichael
20061 Frazier Drive
Rocky River, Ohio

My dear Mr. Carmichael:

You will please find attached to this letter a photostat copy of an old wood cut giving an interior view of the Lincoln law office at Springfield, Illinois. I believe it will be just what you want. Please accept the photostat with our compliments.

Very truly yours,

LAW:PW
L.A.Warren

Director

DONALD SCOTT CARMICHAEL
20061 FRAZIER DRIVE
ROCKY RIVER
OHIO

July 21, 1939

Mr. Louis A. Warren
Director Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Mr. Warren:

In the early part of May I requested from you some sort of interior view of Lincoln's law office in Springfield. You very graciously sent me a photostat copy of an old woodcut, for which many thanks.

As I thought you might be interested in the finished portrait of Lincoln in that law office, I am enclosing herewith a photographic reproduction of the painting as it now hangs in my study. I think the artist has caught Mr. Lincoln at a high spot in his career, namely about June, 1860, with an infinite amount of success.

I hope that I shall have an opportunity to hear you and see you when you again come to Cleveland.

Sincerely yours,

Donald S. Carmichael

PHOTOCOPY
(original in safe)

July 26, 1962

Mr. Donald S. Carmichael
20062 Frazier Drive
Rocky River, Ohio

My dear Mr. Carmichael:

You certainly have an admirable painting of Lincoln, and I am sure you are very pleased with it.

It is impossible that we do not know the name of the photographer who took the original from which the picture is taken. We rather feel it was Byron Butler who very rarely did some work for Lincoln.

The ambrotype was presented to J. Henry Brown and I think the original may still be in possession of one of the Boston, Massachusetts, historical societies but which one, I have not been able to determine.

We have a copy of the original photograph which inspired your painting, and are pleased to enclose one.

Thank you very much for remembering us with a copy of your picture.

Very truly yours,

LAW:AD

Director

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